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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CHIEF OF UNESCO'S NATIONAL
COMMISSIONS DIVISION (MILOVAN MATIC)

1. DURING RECENT LUNCHEON WITH MATIC (YUG.), DEPUTY
PERMREP HAS LEARNED OF MATIC'S INTEREST VISITING US AND
MEETING WITH US NATIONAL COMMISSION OFFICIALS. HE WAS
LAST IN US IN 1961 AND FEELS BRIEF VISIT MIGHT BE USE-
FUL AT THIS TIME; IT COULD BE ARRANGED AFTER OTTAWA MTG.
OF SECGENERALS OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS WHICH WILL BE
HELD NEXT JUNE 23 - 29. DEPUTY PERMREP PROMISED PASS

FOREGOING ON TO US NATIONAL COMMISSION.

2. RE OTTAWA MEETING, MATIC SAID THAT SECGENERALS FROM
18 MEMBER STATES WERE INVITED, INCLUDING ISRAEL,
LEBANON, SAUDI ARABIA AND US. AS OF NOW NO REPLIES HAVE
BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING ATTENDANCE FROM ISRAEL AND TWO
ARAB NATIONAL COMMISSIONS. COMMENT: DURING HIS RECENT
VISIT TO PARIS, DAVE BARTLET, SEC GEN OF CANADIAN NAT'L
COMMISSION, WHO ORGANIZED ABOVE MEETING, INFORMED DEPUTY
PERMREP THAT HE QUITE CONFIDENT ISRAEL AND ARABS WILL
ATTEND OTTAWA MTG.

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3. REFERRING TO FORTHCOMING MEETING OF SECRETARY
GENERALS OF EUROPEAN NATIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR UNESCO,
JUNE 3 - 9 IN VARNA, BULGARIA, MATIC STATED THAT US AND
CANADA HAVE BEEN INVITED AND ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND
SUCH REGIONAL MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME.

4. ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF NATIONAL COMMISSIONS MATIC
PROVIDED FOLLOWING INTERESTING STATISTICS: THERE ARE
TODAY 127 NATIONAL COMMISSIONS OF WHICH 81 CHAIRMEN ARE
ALSO MINISTERS OF EDUCATION; 8 ARE EITHER FOREIGN MINIS-
TERS OR DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS (E.G. USSR, BULGARIA,
HUNGARY); AND 23 ARE PERSONS OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTE.
CHINA AND PORTUGAL HAVE NOT YET ESTABLISHED THEIR NAT'L
COMMISSIONS BUT ARE ACTIVELY CONSIDERING DOING SO.
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